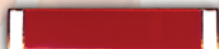
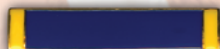
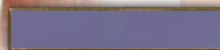
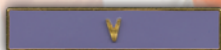
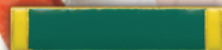


MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Presents the
**MERIT AWARDS
CEREMONY**

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

6:00 pm

Mission & Vision Statements

Mission

In partnership with the community,
we will create and maintain
neighborhoods capable
of sustaining civic life.
We commit to reducing
the levels of crime, fear and disorder
through community-based,
problem-oriented
and data-driven policing.

Vision

A Milwaukee where all can
live safely and without fear,
protected by a police department
with the highest ethical and
professional standards.



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Alfonso Morales
Chief of Police

Family and Friends

Welcome to our semi-annual Merit Awards Ceremony.

This evening, the Milwaukee Police Department is proud to honor and recognize members of our organization and everyday citizens for the extraordinary acts they performed. These brave and selfless men and women placed their lives on the line for the safety of our community.

We gather to honor our award recipients twice a year but the work of the Milwaukee Police Department takes place every minute of every day. Please join me as we celebrate and congratulate these remarkable individuals who are committed to forwarding the vision and mission of our Department. They are examples that we can all follow in our daily lives.

To our award recipients, I commend you on a job well done!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Alfonso Morales'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Alfonso Morales
Chief of Police

Invited Guests

City of Milwaukee

Tom Barrett

Mayor

The Milwaukee Common Council

Ashanti Hamilton

Common Council President

Ashanti Hamilton
1st District

Cavalier Johnson
2nd District

Nik Kovac
3rd District

Robert J. Bauman
4th District

James A. Bohl Jr.
5th District

Milele A. Coggs
6th District

Khalif J. Rainey
7th District

Robert G. Donovan
8th District

Chantia Lewis
9th District

Michael J. Murphy
10th District

Mark A. Borkowski
11th District

José G. Pérez
12th District

Terry L. Witkowski
13th District

Tony Zielinski
14th District

Russell W. Stamper II
15th District

Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission

Executive Director

Kathryn Hein
Commissioner

Fred Crouther
Commissioner

Angela McKenzie
Commissioner

Nelson Soler
Commissioner

Ann Wilson
Commissioner

Marisabel Cabrera
Commissioner

Steven M. DeVougas
Commissioner

Clifton Crump
Operations Manager

Other Invited Guests

Command Staff
Milwaukee Police Department

Milwaukee Police
Supervisors' Organization

John T. Chisholm
Milwaukee County
District Attorney

Milwaukee Police
Association

Family and
Friends

Merit Awards Program

Musical Prelude

Milwaukee Police Band
Retired Lieutenant Karen M. Dubis
Director

Welcome

Captain of Police Nicole Davila
Milwaukee Police Department

Honor Guard and Presentation of Colors

Lieutenant Derrick L. Harris
Sergeant Scott Thorne
Police Officer David C. Doughty
Police Officer Trent Little
Police Officer Elvis M. Lock
Police Officer Dorian L. Ratliff
Police Officer Thomas L. Struck

National Anthem

Milwaukee Police Band

Remarks

Mayor Tom Barrett
City of Milwaukee

Remarks and Presentation

Police Chief Alfonso Morales
Milwaukee Police Department

Mistress of Ceremonies

Ms. Amanda Porterfield,
CBS-58 News

Award Classifications

Medal of Honor



The Medal of Honor is the highest award granted by the Milwaukee Police Department. It is awarded to a member for exceptional bravery at the imminent risk of life or serious bodily injury. The recipient has demonstrated exceptional courage by performing a voluntary action in an extremely dangerous situation. The act may involve situations where deadly force is used against an officer and the officer prevails or a rescue situation in which the risk of death or injury was substantial.

The Medal of Valor



Combat



Rescue

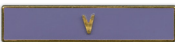
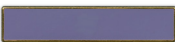
The Medal of Valor is presented to a member who has performed a deed of personal bravery or self-sacrifice so conspicuous as to clearly distinguish himself/herself for gallantry and intrepidity. The act goes beyond normal demands and is of such a nature that the member was fully aware of the threat to his/her safety and acted above and beyond the call of duty at the risk of his/her own life.

Lifesaving



The Lifesaving Award is presented to a member who is directly responsible for saving a human life. A member is eligible to receive this award if his/her actions led to the prolonging of the life of a victim to the extent that the victim was released to professional medical care.

Purple Valor/Star



The Purple Valor/Purple Star Award is presented to a member who, in the line of duty, sustains any serious bodily injury or permanent disfigurement or permanent or protracted impairment of the function of any body member or organ or permanent or protracted impairment of health. A "V" device will signify combat-related serious bodily injury.

Award Classifications

Chief's Superior Leadership



The Chief's Superior Leadership Award is presented to a member at the discretion of the Chief of Police for leadership excellence in the performance of duty and/or honorable conduct and professionalism in pursuit of the Department's mission.

Distinguished Service



The Distinguished Service Award is presented to a member who has continuously distinguished himself/herself by exceptional service in the performance of his/her duties or great or unusual responsibility wherein he/she has displayed unusual responsibility and initiative, marked ability, keen observation and exceptional energy.

Excellence in Police Service



The Excellence in Police Service Award is presented to a member who makes a significant contribution, above and beyond the call of duty, to the community-service component of the Department's mission. The award recognizes those instances over a period of time wherein the member's diligence, teamwork, perseverance and problem-solving ability exemplifies the highest standards of community policing.

Meritorious Service



The Meritorious Service Award is presented to a member who makes a significant contribution to the mission of the Milwaukee Police Department above and beyond the normal call of duty. It recognizes those instances wherein a member's courage, resourcefulness, tenacity, diligence and/or perseverance in the line of duty goes beyond that which is normally expected of members in the protection of life or property, the prevention of a major crime or the apprehension of an armed and/or dangerous criminal.

Unit Service



The Unit Service Award is presented to a Departmental Unit whose actions through a combination of teamwork, diligence and perseverance is performed in an exemplary manner.

Award Recipients

District 1

Police Officer Paul M. Helminiak	Lifesaving
Mr. Jeffrey C. Quezaire	Valorous Conduct
Mr. Joel Roque-Renteria	Valorous Conduct
Mr. Michael A. Phillips	Meritorious Conduct

District 2

Police Officer Philip J. Poulos, Jr	Lifesaving
Police Officer Adam P. Robakowski	Lifesaving
Police Officer Jose R. Arzaga	Excellence in Police Service
Police Officer David H. Cabral	Excellence in Police Service
Police Officer Ryan E. Casey	Excellence in Police Service
Police Officer Matthew J. Diener	Excellence in Police Service
Police Officer Ryan R. Foth	Excellence in Police Service
Police Officer Erin A. Jackson	Excellence in Police Service
Police Officer Richard J. Klarkowski	Excellence in Police Service
Police Officer Louis J. Kopesky	Excellence in Police Service
	Meritorious Service
Police Officer Vance A. Scollin	Excellence in Police Service
Police Officer Paul E. Szyborski	Excellence in Police Service
Police Officer Kevin E. Vodicka	Excellence in Police Service
Police Officer Michael P. Walker	Excellence in Police Service
Police Officer Nicholas G. Beckett	Meritorious Service
Police Officer Matthew L. Davis	Meritorious Service
Police Officer Quentin L. Grant	Meritorious Service
Police Officer Adam J. Ward	Meritorious Service
Ms. Pamela Duenas	Valorous Conduct
Mr. Hermelindo P. Mota	Valorous Conduct
Mr. Darrell S. Rusch	Valorous Conduct

District 3

Police Officer Jakob T. Schmidt	Medal of Valor-Rescue
Police Officer Ajay N. Alvarez	Lifesaving
Police Officer Antonio L. Obregon	Lifesaving
	Meritorious Service
Police Officer Nicholas L. Ulatowski	Lifesaving
Police Sergeant Guadalupe Velasquez	Excellence in Police Service
Police Officer Kevin G. Gaulke	Meritorious Service
Police Officer Aaron L. Nelson	Meritorious Service
Police Officer Alexander D. Nuter	Meritorious Service

Award Recipients

District 4

Police Officer Nicholas J. Reid	Medal of Valor-Rescue
Police Officer Nicholas R. Schlei	Medal of Valor-Rescue
Police Officer Charles A. Leach	Meritorious Service
Police Officer Martinez T. Moore	Meritorious Service (2)
Police Officer Sean M. Patrick	Meritorious Service
Mr. Genard V. Davis	Meritorious Conduct

District 5

Police Officer Zachary F. Ramion	Medal of Valor-Combat
Police Officer Kurt R. Ziarnik	Medal of Valor-Combat
Police Officer Stephen J. Cook	Lifesaving
Police Officer Casey M. Narlock	Lifesaving
Police Officer David J. Letteer	Purple Star
Police Officer Joseph I. Saric	Meritorious Service
Police Officer Damon M. Wilcox	Meritorious Service

District 6

Police Officer Harold K. Almas	Lifesaving
Police Officer Kristopher M. Maduscha	Lifesaving
Police Officer Michael S. Maldonado	Lifesaving
Police Officer Michael A. Parker	Meritorious Service

District 7

Police Officer Nicholas G. Gajewski	Lifesaving
Police Officer Kourtney R. Hartl	Lifesaving
Police Officer Daniel A. Sturma	Lifesaving
Mr. Trent M. Polk	Valorous Conduct

Central Booking and Court Administration

Police Officer Lisa M. Kapitz	Lifesaving
Police Officer Philyus T. Pulliam	Lifesaving

Criminal Investigation Bureau

Detective Alexander C. Ayala	Meritorious Service
Detective Timothy J. Keller	Meritorious Service
Detective Thomas J. Obregon	Meritorious Service

Forensics Division

Police Identification Supervisor Ellicanna Chavez ...	Excellence in Police Service
Detective Eric J. Draeger	Meritorious Service

Award Recipients

Intelligence Fusion Center

Police Aide Andrew M. Wroblewski Meritorious Service

Internal Affairs

Detective Steve E. Wells Meritorious Service

Marine Boats-Mounted Patrol

Police Sergeant Tanya M. Boll Lifesaving

Police Officer Matthew K. Dresen Lifesaving (2)

Police Officer Raynaldo Roman Jr. Lifesaving (2)

Police Officer Joseph L. Szczybialka Lifesaving

Police Officer John R. Tietjen Lifesaving

Office Of Community Outreach And Education

Police Officer James D. Luckett Meritorious Service

Police Officer Joseph G. Spingola Meritorious Service

Police Academy

Police Officer Gerald L. Schmidt Lifesaving

Sensitive Crimes Division

Detective Efrain Cornejo Jr. Lifesaving

Excellence in Police Service

Police Officer Kenneth J. Justus Excellence in Police Service

Detective Michael W. Thomae Meritorious Service (2)

Police Officer Louise S. Bray Meritorious Service

Specialized Patrol Division-Motorcycle Unit

Police Officer David D. Bublit Lifesaving

Police Officer Matthew M. Nogalski Lifesaving (2)

Excellence In Police Service Award Recipients

Officer Thomas S. Ackley
Officer Casey C. Donahue
Officer Andrew T. Fuerte
Officer Robert J. Gregory
Officer Jeffrey M. Kennedy
Officer Spencer N. Kilbey
Officer Eric J. Kradecki
Officer Ismar Kulenovic
Officer Erik V. Maldonado
Officer Gregory Meyer
Officer Courtland Pederson
Officer Ryan Reagan
Officer Matthew R. Retzlaff
Officer Jose R. Rivera III
Officer Joseph I. Saric
Officer Justin R. Schwarzhuber
Officer Hector M. Sosa
Officer Kurt R. Ziarnik

Unit Service Award Recipients

Milwaukee Police Department Homicide Division

Lieutenant Carolyn A. Birch	Detective Jeremiah C. Jacks
Lieutenant Thomas J. Casper Jr.	Detective Troy P. Johnson
Lieutenant John P. Corbett	Detective Angela M. Juarez
Lieutenant Eric C. Donaldson	Detective Timothy J. Keller
Lieutenant Paul R. Kavanagh	Detective Keith M. Kopcha
Lieutenant Paul D. Lough	Detective Brian P. Maciejewski
Lieutenant Daniel P. Thompson	Detective Michael G. Martin
Lieutenant Michael J. Walisiewicz	Detective Kyle R. Mrozinski
Lieutenant Wesam F. Yaghnani	Detective Daniel E. Priewe
Detective Rodolfo Alvarado	Detective Jake D. Puschnig
Detective William M. Baker	Detective Lori M. Rom
Detective Matthew P. Bell	Detective Michael Sarenac
Detective Nathan A. Butz	Detective Scott H. Schmitz
Detective James A. Campbell	Detective William Schroeder
Detective Dennis J. Devalkenaere	Detective Jeffrey S. Sullivan
Detective Jeffrey N. Emanuelson	Detective Michael J. Tanem
Detective Michael A. Fedel	Detective Craig J. Thimm
Detective Guy J. Fraley	Detective Harold D. Thomas
Detective Christopher J. Fritz	Detective Erik K. Villarreal
Detective Rosemarie C. Galindo	Detective Michael C. Washington
Detective Timothy B. Graham	Detective Terrence E. Wright
Detective Erik M. Gulbrandson	Crime Analyst Joshua R. Henze
Detective James J. Hensley	Office Assistant II Robin J. Jones
Detective James F. Hutchinson	Police Services Special Investigator Michael Braunreiter

Unit Service Award Recipients
Northwest Side Sexual Assault Investigation

District Three

Police Sergeant Debbie Allen

District Four

Police Officer Shane M. Bishop
Police Officer Jermaine A. Graham
Police Officer Martinez T. Moore
Police Officer Conway Nimmer Jr.
Police Officer Kelly Parker
Police Officer Marlin G. Schilcher Jr.
Police Officer Russell J. Shoup
Police Officer Shahriar A. Solati
Police Officer Shaletta B. Whithers

Criminal Investigation Bureau

Police Sergeant Melissa A. Franckowiak
Detective Jon A. Charles
Detective Jonathan Mejias Rivera
Detective Christopher K. Schlachter
Detective Timothy J. Wallich

Internal Affairs Division

Police Sergeant Erwin S. Estacio
Detective Elizabeth Stewart
Detective Steven E. Wells

Investigative Management Division

Detective Matthew J. Bughman
Detective Richard F. Mcquown
Forensic Investigator Paul A. Cervera
Forensic Investigator Alfonso Lazo
Forensic Investigator James C. Peterson
Forensic Video Examiner Robbie L. Lloyd
Latent Print Examiner Kenneth S. Schild

Office Of Community

Outreach And Education

Police Sergeant Amy C. Rivera
Police Officer Phillip B. Lewis
Police Officer Dennis B. Mcknight Jr.

Sensitive Crimes Division

Sergeant David A. Ligas Jr.
Sergeant Lisa M. Saffold
Detective Timothy S. Behning
Detective Jolene A. Del Moral
Detective Geri Lin E. Gahagan
Detective Rodney P. Gonzales
Detective Sonya N. Griffin
Detective Andrew R. Holzem
Detective Michael W. Thomae
Detective Raena M. Vrtochnick
Police Officer Louise S. Bray
Police Officer Cindy K. Carlson
Police Officer Kurt T. Daniel
Police Officer Nicholas B. Dankert
Police Officer Cary J. Doyne
Police Officer Ryan Fidlin
Police Officer Henry Flemming
Police Officer James R. Henry Jr.
Police Officer Joan M. Mueller
Police Officer Gerardo Orozco
Police Officer
Christine L. Rutherford

Specialized Patrol Division

Tactical Enforcement Unit

Police Officer Matthew G. Helwer

Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office

Assistant District Attorney Erin Karshen

Please join us in Room 182 for refreshments immediately following the program.

Police Sergeant Tanya M. Boll

Police Officer Matthew K. Dresen

Police Officer Raynaldo Roman Jr.

Police Officer Gerald L. Schmidt

Police Officer Joseph L. Szczybialka

Police Officer John R. Tietjen

Lifesaving Award

On March 3, 2018 Milwaukee Police Boat 1596 was patrolling the Milwaukee River to ensure the safety of those attending the annual Shamrock Shuffle. Around 10:00 p.m., a call came over the radio regarding a man in the water near the Highland Avenue Bridge. Officer Szczybialka maneuvered the boat toward the bridge while Officers Roman and Tietjen began to put on their ice rescue suits.

Two people were on a ledge holding onto a third person who was in the river up to his armpits. Time was of the essence as the air and water temperature were in the 30's. Officer Szczybialka exercised caution so as to not cause a big wake that could have resulted in more people falling in the water. Officer Roman entered the water and Officer Tietjen remained on the boat to assist. Officers Dresen and Schmidt were on the bridge above the water and lowered a rescue line to the subject. They also kept a crowd of onlookers from approaching the bridge's rail and contained the scene. Sergeant Boll used a rescue sling and threw it to Officer Roman in the water. Officer Roman placed the sling around the man's torso and Sergeant Boll started pulling the men back to the boat. Officers Szczybialka and Tietjen then helped both men back into the boat.

The teamwork exhibited by this group of MPD members ensured the survival of a man who had fallen into the river. Their quick thinking and decisive actions saved his life.

Police Officer Matthew K. Dresen

Police Officer Raynaldo Roman Jr.

Lifesaving Award

On January 3, 2018, Officers Dresen and Roman responded to an attempted suicide in the 800 block of N. Cass Street. The subject's girlfriend met the officers at the door and explained that her boyfriend hung himself and he was not breathing. The officers found the man on the floor with a belt around his neck. After a quick assessment, the officers pulled the man from the closet and began several rounds of chest compressions and CPR. Medical help arrived and continued with lifesaving measures while the man was transported to the nearest hospital for treatment. These officers provided immediate essential life saving measures and prevented the loss of life.

Police Officer David D. BublitzPolice Officer Paul M. HelminiakPolice Officer Matthew M. NogalskiLifesaving Award

On October 4, 2017, officers were assigned to the BMO Harris Bradley Center to manage pedestrian and vehicle flow. A vehicle suddenly pulled into the middle of intersection and an occupant jumped out of the vehicle to alert the officers his friend desperately needed help. Officers Bublitz and Nogalski immediately removed the unconscious man and after realizing he had no pulse began CPR. Officer Helminiak was handling an arrest at the nearby Police Administration Building and without hesitation responded to the broadcast made by responding officers for medical assistance. Officer Helminiak arrived on scene and administered Narcan to the man. Within minutes, the subject responded and officers were able to obtain a pulse. The subject was transported to a nearby hospital for treatment of a heroin overdose. These officers intervened in a critical event and succeeded in preventing the loss of life as a direct result of his immediate actions.

Police Officer Matthew M. NogalskiLifesaving AwardMr. Jeffrey C. QuezaireValorous Conduct Award

On March 3, 2018, Officer Nogalski was working at a Marquette University basketball game at the BMO Harris Bradley Center. Suddenly, a 72-year-old man in attendance collapsed. Mr. Quezaire, an usher at the Bradley Center, saw the man lying on his back so he ran over and checked for his pulse and when he didn't feel one, started chest compressions. Officer Nogalski joined Mr. Quezaire and paramedics with other lifesaving measures including CPR. The man was eventually transported to a local hospital for further treatment. The quick actions and efficient treatment by Officer Nogalski and Mr. Quezaire were instrumental in saving the man's life.

Detective Alexander C. AyalaDetective Eric J. DraegerDetective Thomas J. ObregonDetective Michael W. ThomaeDetective Steve E. WellsPolice Officer Louise S. BrayPolice Aide Andrew M. WroblewskiMeritorious Service Award

On June 16, 2017, a woman was driving in the 600 block of E. Clybourn Street, when two suspects approached her in a pickup truck. One of the suspects threatened her with a hammer and forced her to drive while the second suspect followed in a pickup truck. The suspects subsequently stopped and forced the victim into their truck. The suspects threatened to shoot her and one of the suspects sexually assaulted her.

District One

Captain Diana Rowe

The victim was later let go in Kenosha County where she summoned help. Detective Wells and Officer Bray began to investigate the incident. Officer Bray used her skills as an interviewer to develop a detailed statement and timeline from the victim. Detective Wells showed empathy while he developed a composite sketch of one of the suspects.

During the course of the investigation, a fingerprint was recovered. Through this print, the name, e-mail, and address of one of the suspects was generated. Police Aide Wroblewski took it upon himself to search sources for other possible information. He was able to find a license plate that the suspect was driving. Investigators tracked the suspects to the Louisville, Kentucky area where one of the suspects was taken into custody. Detectives Thoma, Obregon, Ayala and Draeger went to Kentucky to continue the investigation. The detectives used their skills to locate the second suspect and take him into custody. Detectives Obregon and Ayala obtained a confession from both suspects in the incident. Through their hard work and dedication, this group was able to obtain key details that allowed for a search for suspects, and the ability to secure key evidence and clear a high-profile crime.

Mr. Joel Roque-Renteria

Valorous Conduct Award

On November 15, 2017, an MPD officer was flagged down by three men in the 2300 block of N. Prospect Avenue. Two of the men had become very ill while they were power washing an underground parking structure. Mr. Roque-Renteria, who is hearing impaired, was cleaning the floors on another level of the structure. He saw the two men falling over and passing out. He immediately ran to help them and instantly, he experienced difficulty breathing. He helped the men to their feet and guided them outside to get help. At that time, the MPD officer was passing by and stopped when he was flagged down by the men. Carbon monoxide levels in the structure were at an upwards of 530 parts per million. The levels that are safe are between 0 and 9 parts per million. It was confirmed that if it was not for the help of Mr. Roque-Renteria, both of the male subjects would have died. The men were transported to a local hospital for treatment. Mr. Roque-Renteria's concern for his fellow workers and his heroic actions saved the lives of these men.

Mr. Michael A. Phillips

Meritorious Conduct Award

On December 16, 2017, a MPD sergeant was attempting to arrest a combative subject by himself outside of a restaurant in the 1200 block of N. Water Street. The sergeant was struggling to place the arrestee in handcuffs as the man was highly belligerent, intoxicated, and resistant. Mr. Phillips worked as a bouncer at the establishment. Without hesitation, Mr. Phillips took action and gained control of the combative subject and directed him to the ground. It took Mr. Phillips and the sergeant several minutes to handcuff the subject as a result of his resistance. If it were not for the help of Mr. Phillips, the arrestee may have gotten away or a significantly higher level use of force may have been applied.

District One

Captain Diana Rowe

Mr. Phillips provided the assistance needed to prevent more serious injuries to all parties involved. The MPD sergeant was grateful that Mr. Phillips assisted with the arrest of the male subject and that no injuries occurred.

District Two

Captain Alexander Ramirez

Police Officer Philip J. Poulos Jr.

Police Officer Adam P. Robakowski

Lifesaving Award

On February 22, 2018, these officers were on bicycle patrol in the 2400 block of W. Greenfield Avenue when they saw smoke billowing from the roof of a building. Risking their lives, the officers entered the building and evacuated two citizens. When the officers went back into the building to try and put out the fire, two small dogs bit them. The officers were treated and released from a local hospital for their injuries. These officers displayed selfless service during this heroic act and they risked their own lives to protect citizens.

Police Sergeant Guadalupe Velasquez

Detective Efrain Cornejo Jr.

Police Officer Jose R. Arzaga

Police Officer David H. Cabral

Police Officer Ryan E. Casey

Police Officer Matthew J. Diener

Police Officer Ryan R. Foth

Police Officer Erin A. Jackson

Police Officer Kenneth J. Justus

Police Officer Richard J. Klarkowski

Police Officer Louis J. Kopesky

Police Officer Kevin E. Vodicka

Police Officer Michael P. Walker Excellence in Police Service Award

This group, with the help of the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, the Department of Neighborhood Services, and the City Attorney's Office, has worked tirelessly to address absentee and problematic landlords in District Two. These landlords and their questionable practices negatively impacted the quality of life and value of homes in the neighboring community. Thanks to their collective investigative work, two property owners were successfully sued for homes that were used for prostitution-related activities. The results of the litigation had a positive impact as both residents and business owners were thankful for the efforts in the neighborhood. Of twelve targeted properties in the District, eight have been sold to responsible property owners who are committed to making a positive impact. Their work has resulted in decreased crime, additional citizen cooperation, and robust community engagement.

Police Officer Vance A. ScollinPolice Officer Paul E. Szymborski Excellence in Police Service Award

While assigned to District Two, these officers have been on the bicycle unit and work the Greenfield Avenue beat. This area is challenged with drug sales, vagrancy issues, and prostitution. Working together as a team, the officers have built relationships with business owners and residents to help improve the quality of life. They have made over 400 arrests, half of them prostitution-related. The intelligence that they gather has led to numerous arrests and convictions for various crimes. The officers understand how important the roll of a beat officer is in building trust within the community and they take pride in what they do. They have truly made a difference within the community.

Police Officer Nicholas G. Beckett Meritorious Service Award

On June 22nd, 2017, Officer Beckett and his partner responded to an attempted armed robbery at a convenience store in the 1500 block of S. 3rd Street. An unknown suspect ran into the store, pointed a gun at an employee, but fled before stealing anything. A few weeks later on July 11th, Officer Beckett responded to a battery call for service at a home a few blocks from the convenience store. At the home, Officer Beckett came in contact with a 23-year-old man. While conducting a criminal history check of the man, Officer Beckett noticed prior robberies in his history and that the man matched the description of the attempted armed robbery at the convenience store. Officer Beckett took the man into custody and the store employee positively identified him as the suspect. DNA from clothing the suspect discarded near the store also matched the suspect. The suspect entered guilty pleas to two felony crimes. Officer Beckett utilized his memory and strong investigative skills to identify a dangerous suspect.

Police Officer Matthew L. DavisPolice Officer Louis J. Kopesky Meritorious Service Award

On January 25, 2018 there was an armed robbery of a business in the 2500 block of S. 6th Street. The officers responded in an undercover car to saturate the area and saw two men who matched the clothing and physical description of the robbery suspects. One of the men pulled a handgun from his waistband while it appeared the other served as a lookout. The officers realized these suspects posed a danger to citizens and it was likely they would commit more armed robberies. The officers quickly laid out a plan, exited their vehicle, and took the suspects into custody. These suspects were later charged in federal court for seven different robberies. The quick actions of the officers helped prevent more crimes from potentially taking place.

District Two

Captain Alexander Ramirez

Police Officer Quentin L. Grant

Meritorious Service Award

On November 1, 2017, Officer Grant was headed home after his workday when he came upon a crash on I-43. Officer Grant saw a semi-truck had crashed with another vehicle. Officer Grant quickly pulled his car to the side of the road and went to go help. Both diesel tanks of the truck were leaking and Officer Grant was able to assist the dazed truck driver to safety. Officer Grant then went to the other vehicle where he saw the occupant was unconscious. He tried to pull the occupant out of the car but the diesel fuel ignited and the flames overcame him. Tragically the occupant of that car died from his injuries. Officer Grant's willingness to put his life on the line for complete strangers is commendatory. His selfless actions were instrumental in saving the life of the truck driver.

Police Officer Adam J. Ward

Meritorious Service Award

On February 14, 2018, Officer Ward was on his way to District Two for his tour of duty when he stopped at a local business in the 3200 block of S. 27th Street. Inside the business, Officer Ward saw a man walk into the store. He recognized the man as a suspect wanted for a shooting in 2017. Officer Ward immediately called the District to have squads respond. As the suspect left, Officer Ward stayed on the phone to give updates as to where the suspect was. Responding squads took the man into custody without incident. Police Officer Ward's keen observation skills, memory, and quick actions led to the successful apprehension of a dangerous suspect.

Ms. Pamela Duenas

Mr. Hermelindo Mota

Valorous Conduct Award

On November 1, 2017, a vehicle ran a red light at S. Muskego Avenue and W. Becher Street and struck another vehicle. The vehicle that was struck started on fire. Ms. Duenas was driving home from work and witnessed the crash. She ran to the car that was on fire and saw the driver was trapped. Despite intense heat from the flames, she opened the door and tried to free the driver. A blast of flames exploded and blew Ms. Duenas back to the street. At this time, she was joined by another citizen, Mr. Mota, and the two of them worked together to pull the victim from the car and onto the street until medical attention arrived. The victim was rushed to a local hospital but unfortunately died from his injuries. Ms. Duenas and Mr. Mota showed extreme bravery and selflessness. Their efforts gave compassion to the victim in the last moments of his life. Their heroism is an example to the community.

Mr. Darrell S. Rusch

Valorous Conduct Award

On November 20, 2017, a female citizen was in her car in the 5600 block of S. 27th Street when a man approached her vehicle, opened the door, and entered it. The suspect told her to drive the car which she refused to do.

District Two

Captain Alexander Ramirez

The suspect, realizing the victim was not complying with his demands, began punching her and yelling at her to get out of the car. During the struggle, the woman sounded her horn and screamed to draw attention.

Mr. Rusch was in the area and heard the victim's desperate screams. He ran over to the vehicle and saw the man hitting the woman and the woman fighting back. With his keys between his fingers, Mr. Rusch punched the suspect numerous times. The suspect became extremely agitated at Mr. Rusch, yelled at him and left the scene on foot. Mr. Rusch stayed with the victim to ensure her safety. The victim and Mr. Rusch suffered minor wounds. The suspect was eventually apprehended by officers and taken into custody. Mr. Rusch, a U.S. Navy veteran, immediately came to the aid of a citizen in distress during a physical attack in an attempted carjacking. Due to his actions, he prevented her vehicle from being taken, but more importantly, prevented serious injuries to her.

District Three

Captain Jeffrey Norman

Police Officer Jakob T. Schmidt Medal of Valor-Rescue Award

Police Officer Nicholas L. Ulatowski Lifesaving Award

On March 23, 2018, the officers were on patrol in the 1500 block of S. Layton Boulevard when they saw a balcony of a nearby home in flames. Without hesitation, the officers ran toward the home. Officer Ulatowski entered the lower unit of the building and helped evacuate a resident with his pet. Officer Schmidt evacuated the residents of the upper unit but one of the individuals was confined to a wheelchair. Officer Schmidt tried to carry the wheelchair down the stairs but it broke, so instead he hoisted the woman over his shoulder and valiantly carried her to safety. These officers displayed a great amount of courage and bravery above and beyond their expected duties. They disregarded their own safety to ensure that residents in the building were safe.

Police Officer Ajay N. Alvarez

Police Officer Antonio L. Obregon Lifesaving Award

On December 7, 2017, these officers responded to a suicide attempt. The caller had identified a female in a bathtub of water with cuts to her wrists and empty prescription bottles next to the bathtub. Without hesitation, the officers moved the woman, who was cold to the touch, from the bathtub to the hallway where they could begin lifesaving measures. They immediately began CPR and the woman soon began to respond. While assisting officers placed tourniquets on her wrists, Officers Alvarez and Obregon continued with CPR. Eventually, the woman regained a pulse and began breathing on her own. These officers intervened in a suicidal attempt and succeeded in preventing the loss of life.

District Three

Captain Jeffrey Norman

Police Officer Alexander D. Nuter

Police Officer Antonio L. Obregon

Meritorious Service Award

On November 20, 2017, these officers responded to a business check at a local gas station in the 9200 block of W. Bluemound Road. The officers noticed a clerk running from the business waving her arms to capture their attention. The gas station was just robbed at gunpoint. The clerk provided enough details for the officers to begin a search in the immediate area since the robber fled from the station on foot. Officer Nuter saw a male subject that fit the description of the robber, hiding behind a nearby dumpster. Immediately, the order was given for the subject to show his hands, which he did not. Officer Obregon cut off the man's escape path and took control of the subject's arm. Without hesitation, the subject spun his body to free himself. As the officers worked together to gain control of the man, a handgun fell from his waist. The subject was eventually taken into custody and admitted to robbing the gas station and in addition to another burglary. These officers demonstrated the mission of maintaining safe neighborhoods by preventing criminals from committing future crimes.

Police Officer Kevin G. Gaulke

Police Officer Aaron L. Nelson

Meritorious Service Award

On July 27, 2017, these officers responded to the 900 block of N. Hawley Road after being flagged down by a citizen. A male subject was on top of a bridge and threatening to jump. Officer Nelson took up a position to act as a barrier while Officer Gaulke started to talk to the man and imploring him to get out of the roadway and off the bridge. Following a lengthy discussion, the man tried to push himself up onto the bridge railing in order to jump. The officers were able to position themselves in order to prevent this and took the man into custody. The man was taken to Milwaukee County Mental Health for further evaluation. The actions of these officers prevented a man suffering from a mental crisis from causing himself injury or death.

District Four

Captain Heather Wurth

Police Officer Nicholas J. Reid

Police Officer Nicholas R. Schlei

Medal of Valor-Rescue Award

On December 26, 2017, these officers were on patrol in the 5400 block of W. Villard Avenue when they saw a car slide out of control, strike a wooden utility pole, and flip over. As the vehicle came to a stop, the car's engine burst into flames with the occupants still inside. The officers risked their own lives and pulled the driver and another passenger from the burning car. The occupants of the car were injured but due to the actions of the officers survived their injuries. "The Nick Squad", as the pair is affectionately known, received local and national attention for their heroics. They exemplify what is best in policing—courageous, humble, hard-working and dedicated to serving and protecting citizens even when the situation is dangerous.

Police Officer Charles A. LeachPolice Officer Martinez T. MooreMeritorious Service Award

On October 31, 2017, these officers responded to subject with a gun complaint in the 7100 block of W. Silver Spring Drive. The caller indicated her daughter texted her pleading for help as her boyfriend had beaten her up and pointed a gun at her. The officers diligently searched the Records Management System for the victim's information since the address provided by dispatch did not register to a real address. A check with the Department of Transportation revealed the victim's address and the officers immediately drove to the residence. When officers entered the victim's home, they discovered her crying in a closet. She appeared fearful and had blood covering her nose. Her face was swollen in various places. The suspect punched her repeatedly causing her to lose consciousness. When she regained consciousness the suspect was standing over her pointing a handgun at her. The suspect then grabbed her by the throat and choked her. It was then, the police officers knocked on the door. The officers entered the home at a crucial time in the victim's life. Due to the determination of the officers to locate the victim, she received medical treatment and was relocated to a safe place away from her abuser.

Police Officer Martinez T. MoorePolice Officer James D. LuckettMeritorious Service Award

On November 2, 2017, these officers received information from a confidential informant that a vehicle stolen in a robbery was currently parked in the alley in the 5300 block of N. 38th Street. As the officers approached the vehicle with weapons drawn, the driver immediately fled on foot while the remaining two occupants remained inside. The occupants were taken into custody when assisting officers arrived on the scene. During this time, two additional males exited a nearby home yelling profanities. The officers made an immediate positive identification of one of the suspects as a result of viewing photos of the crime scene where the stolen vehicle was taken. As a direct result of the quick response of the officers to the information received from the informant and their previous familiarity with the incident, all suspects were taken into custody with further incident. These officers demonstrated their commitment to maintaining safe neighborhoods by preventing criminals from further crime spree.

Police Officer Sean M. PatrickPolice Officer Joseph G. SpingolaMeritorious Service Award

On December 12, 2017, these officers responded to a shooting in the 9600 block of W. Fond du Lac Avenue. A maroon, Grand Prix with two occupants was involved in the incident and the officers spotted the vehicle while en route to the crime scene. Without delay, the officers followed the vehicle and a pursuit ensued.

District Four

Captain Heather Wurth

The speeding vehicle drove onto the sidewalk to avoid being stopped, disregarded numerous traffic signals, and continuously violated traffic laws during their attempt to flee from the officers. This created a substantial gap between the fleeing vehicle and the officer's squad car. Eventually the occupants exited the vehicle and ran into an alley in their attempt to get away. The officers began searching the area for the suspects and their vehicle. A short time later, the officers saw one of the suspects running and he was quickly taken into custody. These officers exemplified the mission of the Milwaukee Police Department and showed their dedication to apprehending dangerous criminals.

Mr. Genard V. Davis

Meritorious Conduct Award

On September 4, 2017, Mr. Davis called 9-1-1 to report two male shooting victims inside a gas station located in the 6000 block of N. Teutonia Avenue. Mr. Davis is security guard for the area and assessed that one of his victims was deceased and the other needed medical attention. Immediately, he provided information regarding a possible suspect who fled the scene, spoke to the Milwaukee Fire Department, followed medical instructions to help one of the victims, and remained with victims until police arrived. Mr. Davis went above and beyond in his efforts to help the victim and to secure the scene until the police arrived.

District Five

Captain Timothy Heier

Police Officer Zachary F. Ramion

Police Officer Kurt R. Ziarnik

Medal of Valor-Combat Award

On January 18, 2018, several District Five officers responded to a call at N. Richards Street and E. Locust Street. Upon arrival, they were told by witnesses that a man with a gun had pulled a female victim into a home. Officers Ziarnik and Ramion began knocking on the door and eventually the female victim let them in. The officers searched the house for the armed male and approached a bathroom with a closed door. Suddenly, the door opened and two shots were fired in the direction of the officers. Luckily, they were not hit. The officers created distance and evaluated the situation despite just being shot at. They then heard the male screaming and crying from the bathroom. Officer Ziarnik opened the door and was able to take control of the suspect and get him away from the gun. Officer Ramion remained cognizant of the surroundings and covered Officer Ziarnik from other potential threats. The suspect's gun and casings were found inside the home and a bullet was found lodged in the wall between the doors where the officers were standing. These officers demonstrated extreme bravery in the line of fire. They were able to safely take an armed suspect into custody without harm to the suspect or any other potential victims.

Police Officer Stephen J. CookPolice Officer Casey M. NarlockLifesaving Award

On September 27, 2017, these officers responded to a shooting in the 3200 block of N. 29th Street. They were the first to arrive at the scene and saw the victim, a 31-year-old man, had several severe gunshot wounds, including one to the thigh. Officer Narlock applied a tourniquet to the victim's wound. Officer Cook assisted by calmly and properly positioning the victim. The victim was transported to a local hospital for treatment of his injuries and responding medics stated that had the tourniquet not been applied, the victim would have likely died. The quick and decisive actions by these officers saved a shooting victim's life.

Police Officer David J. LetteerPurple Star Award

On January 20, 2016, Officer Letteer responded to a complaint in the 2500 block of W. Hopkins Street. Officer Letteer was standing behind his squad when a Cadillac, travelling at more than 60 miles per hour, struck his squad car. Officer Letteer was thrown 10 feet into the air and 25 feet down the road from where he was standing. Officer Letteer was rushed to Froedtert Hospital for immediate treatment. He suffered multiple breaks to his left wrist and injuries to his jaw bone and left knee. A blood draw of the driver of the Cadillac revealed a blood alcohol content of more than three times the legal limit and this was his sixth OWI offense. Officer Letteer was able to return to full duty eight months later after extensive rehabilitation. Officer Letteer has demonstrated courage and perseverance while recovering from this tragedy. His will to regain strength is an inspiration to us all.

Police Officer Joseph I. SaricPolice Officer Damon M. WilcoxMeritorious Service Award

On December 30, 2017, the officers were dispatched to an armed robbery in the 1400 block of W. Locust Street. They were met by two victims who stated that two suspects in a white Infiniti pointed guns at them and stole their cell phones before they drove away. One of the victims remembered the license plate of the suspects' car and the officers went to the address of that vehicle. The officers saw two males enter the car at that location and they performed a traffic stop. The passenger in the car ran from the car, threw a handgun, and was taken into custody following a brief foot chase. The driver was also taken into custody. The officers found an additional gun in the car as well as the two stolen cell phones. The officers used quick thinking and experience to conduct follow-up in a timely manner and helped bring justice to the two victims.

On October 13, 2017, Officer Almas and his partner responded to a call in the 2700 block of S. Kinnickinnic Avenue. Officer Almas saw a man face down on the floor inside a gas station. Officer Almas rolled the man over onto his back to evaluate him and found him unconscious and not breathing. Without delay, Officer Almas began CPR until medical help arrived. The subject became conscious when the Milwaukee Fire Department administered a dose of Narcan. Officer Almas was informed by a customer that the subject was making a purchase at the counter when he suddenly slumped over and onto the floor. Officer Almas took immediate action to prevent the loss of life and intervened with success.

Police Officer Kristopher M. Maduscha

Police Officer Michael S. Maldonado

Lifesaving Award

On February 27, 2018, these officers responded to the 2900 block of S. Herman Street for a report of a sick and injured person. The caller told officers her son was a heroin user and was not responding from an upstairs bathroom. The officers tried to make contact with the man but were unsuccessful. Fearing that his life was in danger, the officers forced open the door and found the man on the floor without a pulse and not breathing. The officers administered Narcan and then began chest compressions. Eventually, the man started breathing on his own. Medical personnel stated had it not been for the actions of the officers, the man very likely may have died from an overdose.

Police Officer Michael A. Parker

Meritorious Service Award

On September 13, 2017, Officer Parker and his partner responded to a child enticement call in the 3300 block of S. 60th Street. A mother stated her 12-year-old son was approached by an unknown man who tried to entice the child. The child ran home, reported the incident to his mother, and provided officers a description of the suspect and his vehicle. While investigating this incident, Officer Parker was aware of another incident taking place blocks away from this scene. The caller stated her 11-year-old son was approached while playing at a park by an unknown man in a vehicle who tried to entice him. Officer Parker investigated these incidents without delay. Using various databases, he entered the information he was provided on the sex offender website. As a result of his diligent searches and tireless efforts, Officer Parker identified and arrested the suspect for child enticement. The suspect was also wanted for a separate incident of child enticement in a neighboring jurisdiction. Officer Parker demonstrated his commitment to maintaining safe neighborhoods by his tenacious efforts in this investigation.

District Seven

Captain Boris Turcinovic

Police Officer Nicholas G. Gajewski

Police Officer Kourtney R. Hartl

Police Officer Daniel A. Sturma

Lifesaving Award

On November 23, 2017, these officers responded to the 4800 block of N. 41st Street. A distraught female had dropped off her 3-year old son at her aunt's home. The distressed mother asked her aunt to take care of her child and drove away. Her aunt feared for her niece's safety due to her past history of drug use and mental disorders. Officers coached the aunt in texting and calling her niece. After several attempts, the niece contacted her aunt through Face Time. The officers were able to observe the live video being broadcasted. The officers noted several landmarks in the background and determined the niece had parked her vehicle on the top of the Hoan Bridge. She was telling her aunt she was going to jump. Without hesitation, a phone call was made to the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's Department quickly responded, located the subject and began negotiations. Eventually, the niece allowed them to transport her to the Milwaukee County Mental Health Complex for treatment. These officers responded with keen observation skills and immediate action resulting with success in preventing the loss of life.

Mr. Trent M. Polk

Valorous Conduct Award

On December 11, 2017, officers responded to a sick/injured person in the 4200 block of N. Sherman Boulevard. A child's mother had placed her baby in its crib and when she went to check on the infant later, she noticed he wasn't moving and his face was blue. Immediately, she called Mr. Polk, the baby's father, who then gave CPR to the baby and medical help was summoned. The infant started breathing on its own after about a minute of CPR from his father. Mr. Polk shared that he learned CPR while in the Marine Corps. Due to Mr. Polk's immediate intervention, he prevented the loss of life.

Central Booking & Court Administration Captain David Salazar

Police Officer Lisa M. Kapitz

Police Officer Philyus T. Pulliam

Lifesaving Award

On December 12, 2017, these officers heard choking sounds coming from a prisoner in the cell. A male prisoner was trying to hang himself by tying his T-shirt to the metal bunk. The officers immediately took action by lifting the man back onto the metal bunk relieving the tension of the shirt around his neck. They administered a sternum rub to the man and he began letting out gasps of air and started breathing on his own. The prisoner received medical treatment at a nearby hospital. These officers intervened in a suicidal attempt and prevented the loss of life.

Criminal Investigation Bureau

Detective Timothy J. Keller

Meritorious Service Award

On January 30, 2018, officers from the Fugitive Apprehension Unit were checking a home in the 4300 block of N. 44th Street for a homicide suspect. A full tactical setup ensued and negotiators, including Detective Keller, began to talk to the suspect who was threatening suicide. Using his training and experience, Detective Keller negotiated with the suspect to surrender. Detective Keller had numerous obstacles to overcome during the negotiation. The suspect's wife kept calling the suspect which agitated him. The suspect also stated he wanted to call a friend for advice. Detective Keller was able to reason with the suspect regarding the benefits of surrender and after more than four hours the suspect was safely taken into custody. Detective Keller showed tenacity by sticking with his training and experience and worked through many obstacles. He also showed perseverance as he dealt with the lengthy situation.

Forensics Division

Captain Shunta Boston-Smith

Police Identification Supervisor Ellieanna Chavez

Excellence in Police Service Award

Supervisor Chavez has been on the job since 1993 and over the past several years her hard work and dedication has been recognized in the Forensic Section. Supervisor Chavez created and implemented the Crime Scene Trained (CST) program in 2008. More than 400 members have been CST trained and are actively using their skills. CST's are trained to assist officers in the processing of certain crime scenes through the use of specialized training in crime scene photography, processing, and DNA collection. The CST program exemplifies the highest standards of community policing. The CST program could not have happened without Supervisor Chavez's contributions. She has been a dedicated employee who keeps the vision and mission of the Milwaukee Police Department at the forefront of her work.

Sensitive Crimes Division

Captain Aimee Obregon

Detective Efrain Cornejo Jr.

Detective Michael W. Thomae

Meritorious Service Award

On November 11, 2017, the detectives were driving on Interstate 43 when they saw a man lying on the side of the highway surrounded by more than a dozen citizens. Detective Thomae immediately went into action and blocked traffic with his vehicle to secure the scene. Detective Cornejo began performing CPR on the male subject without delay as the victim had serious injuries from a crash. The detectives learned the man pulled his vehicle off to the side of the highway because he ran out of gas. As he was refueling, he was struck by another motorist. Unfortunately, in spite of the efforts made to save his life, the victim did not survive his wounds. As a result of their quick response, these detectives helped a man who was in desperate need of medical attention. Their commitment to the citizens of Milwaukee is exemplary.

Excellence in Police Service Award

Officer Thomas S. Ackley
Officer Casey C. Donahue
Officer Andrew T. Fuerte
Officer Robert J. Gregory
Officer Jeffrey M. Kennedy
Officer Spencer N. Kilbey
Officer Eric J. Kradecki
Officer Ismar Kulenovic
Officer Erik V. Maldonado
Officer Gregory Meyer
Officer Courtland Pederson
Officer Ryan Reagan
Officer Matthew R. Retzlaff
Officer Jose R. Rivera III
Officer Joseph I. Saric
Officer Justin R. Schwarzhuber
Officer Hector M. Sosa
Officer Kurt R. Ziarnik

These officers are being recognized for receiving numerous consistent letters of commendation. These letters show the daily outstanding performance of these officers as well as their willingness to go above and beyond the ordinary call of duty. We appreciate the faithful contribution these officers make to the Department's mission.

Unit Service Award Recipients

Milwaukee Police Department Homicide Division

Lieutenant Carolyn A. Birch	Detective Jeremiah C. Jacks
Lieutenant Thomas J. Casper Jr.	Detective Troy P. Johnson
Lieutenant John P. Corbett	Detective Angela M. Juarez
Lieutenant Eric C. Donaldson	Detective Timothy J. Keller
Lieutenant Paul R. Kavanagh	Detective Keith M. Kopcha
Lieutenant Paul D. Lough	Detective Brian P. Maciejewski
Lieutenant Daniel P. Thompson	Detective Michael G. Martin
Lieutenant Michael J. Walisiewicz	Detective Kyle R. Mrozinski
Lieutenant Wesam F. Yaghnani	Detective Daniel E. Priewe
Detective Rodolfo Alvarado	Detective Jake D. Puschnig
Detective William M. Baker	Detective Lori M. Rom
Detective Matthew P. Bell	Detective Michael Sarenac
Detective Nathan A. Butz	Detective Scott H. Schmitz
Detective James A. Campbell	Detective William Schroeder
Detective Dennis J. Devalkenaere	Detective Jeffrey S. Sullivan
Detective Jeffrey N. Emanuelson	Detective Michael J. Tanem
Detective Michael A. Fedel	Detective Craig J. Thimm
Detective Guy J. Fraley	Detective Harold D. Thomas
Detective Christopher J. Fritz	Detective Erik K. Villarreal
Detective Rosemarie C. Galindo	Detective Michael C. Washington
Detective Timothy B. Graham	Detective Terrence E. Wright
Detective Erik M. Gulbrandson	Crime Analyst Joshua R. Henze
Detective James J. Hensley	Office Assistant II Robin J. Jones
Detective James F. Hutchinson	Police Services Special Investigator Michael Braunreiter

Unit Service Award

The Milwaukee Police Department's employees assigned to the Homicide Unit work incredibly hard to bring justice to families impacted by violence. This group "never forgets" and this mantra was proven in 2017 like never before.

In 2017, the Homicide Unit solved more cases from past years (23) than ever before in MPD's history. Detectives and supervisors understand the only way they can provide a small amount of closure to families is to bring someone to justice. Some of the high-profile cases cleared in 2017 that occurred during previous years include:

*Nine-year-old Zelaya Jenkins who was killed when shots were fired into her house in 2016

*Jimmy Nash who was killed in 2014 and his killer was brought to justice in 2017

*The family of Travon Johnson, who was killed in 2012, finally received justice in 2017 when his killer was charged

Because of the Homicide Unit's dedication to the mission of relentless follow-up, they have one of the highest clearance rates for large metropolitan cities. The overall clearance rate reported to the FBI for 2017 was 78% which is the highest in Milwaukee since 2009. While we honor the detectives and supervisors from the Homicide Unit, the clearance rate is the result of many different areas of the Department as they work together to bring justice to the families.

Unit Service Award Recipients

Northwest Side Sexual Assault Investigation

District Three

Police Sergeant Debbie Allen

District Four

Police Officer Shane M. Bishop

Police Officer Jermaine A. Graham

Police Officer Martinez T. Moore

Police Officer Conway Nimmer Jr.

Police Officer Kelly Parker

Police Officer Marlin G. Schilcher Jr.

Police Officer Russell J. Shoup

Police Officer Shahriar A. Solati

Police Officer Shaletta B. Whithers

Criminal Investigation Bureau

Police Sergeant Melissa A. Franckowiak

Detective Jon A. Charles

Detective Jonathan Mejias Rivera

Detective Christopher K. Schlachter

Detective Timothy J. Wallich

Internal Affairs Division

Police Sergeant Erwin S. Estacio

Detective Elizabeth Stewart

Detective Steven E. Wells

Investigative Management Division

Detective Matthew J. Bughman

Detective Richard F. McQuown

Forensic Investigator Paul A. Cervera

Forensic Investigator Alfonso Lazo

Forensic Investigator James C. Peterson

Forensic Video Examiner Robbie L. Lloyd

Latent Print Examiner Kenneth S. Schild

Office Of Community

Outreach And Education

Police Sergeant Amy C. Rivera

Police Officer Phillip B. Lewis

Police Officer Dennis B. Mcknight Jr.

Sensitive Crimes Division

Sergeant David A. Ligas Jr.

Sergeant Lisa M. Saffold

Detective Timothy S. Behning

Detective Jolene A. Del Moral

Detective Geri Lin E. Gahagan

Detective Rodney P. Gonzales

Detective Sonya N. Griffin

Detective Andrew R. Holzem

Detective Michael W. Thomae

Detective Raena M. Vrtochnick

Police Officer Louise S. Bray

Police Officer Cindy K. Carlson

Police Officer Kurt T. Daniel

Police Officer Nicholas B. Dankert

Police Officer Cary J. Doyne

Police Officer Ryan Fidlin

Police Officer Henry Flemming

Police Officer James R. Henry Jr.

Police Officer Joan M. Mueller

Police Officer Gerardo Orozco

Police Officer

Christine L. Rutherford

Specialized Patrol Division

Tactical Enforcement Unit

Police Officer Matthew G. Helwer

Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office

Assistant District Attorney Erin Karshen

Unit Service Award

In 2016, four stranger sexual assaults occurred on the Northwest Side of Milwaukee. Milwaukee Police Sensitive Crimes Division formed a partnership with District 4 and engaged in an extensive investigation. Detectives, Forensic Investigators, Police Officers, and Supervisors worked around the clock in an unrelenting search for the suspect.

A canvass of the area was conducted and a composite sketch of the suspect was shown to those in the area. A manager at a local business was shown the sketch and said it looked like a man who lived at an apartment building in the area. While the manager did not know the man's name, she knew the woman he lived with. The officer did follow up on the woman the alleged suspect lived with and found out she was the victim of a battery by a person named Jonathan Brown. Brown was on probation and a warrant was put out for his arrest.

Once Brown was arrested, a line up was conducted and several victims positively identified Brown as the person who assaulted them. Brown confessed to all of the assaults and analysis revealed Brown's DNA was on all of the victims. ADA Erin Karshen issued charges against Brown who was convicted and sentenced to 54 years in prison.

These members demonstrated a high degree of teamwork, diligence, and perseverance during this high profile incident resulting in the arrest and prosecution of Brown. While the victims will undoubtedly have a difficult road ahead of them, it is our hope that the arrest and successful prosecution of the suspect will assist them in their healing.

Special Plaque Presentation:

The Family of Andrew Tyler

The Family of Greg “Ziggy” Zyszkiewicz

On November 10, 2017, Andrew Tyler, an MPD School Crossing Guard was struck by a vehicle while walking to his post. Mr. Tyler suffered major injuries, underwent numerous surgeries, and died on December 7. Mr. Tyler was well known in his community and by the children at Kluge Elementary School whom he helped every day. At Mr. Tyler’s funeral, the Milwaukee Police Department presented his family with MPD’s Purple Valor/Purple Star Award, the first given to a civilian member of the Department. This medal is presented to members who have been injured or wounded while performing their duties. Mr. Tyler’s selfless sacrifice will be forever remembered by this Department.

On March 22, 2017, Grey “Ziggy” Zyszkiewicz was performing his work as a City home inspector near N. 23rd Street and W. Cherry Street when he was shot and killed. Ziggy was a family man. He was married to his wife for 40 years, had three children, and several grandchildren. He was also a dedicated civil servant with more than 30 years of service to the City of Milwaukee. The Milwaukee Police Department mourns with Ziggy’s family at his loss but honors his legacy of dedication and commitment to the citizens of Milwaukee.

In Memory of those who gave their lives in the line of duty



Frank Piszczek	6/22/1884	Raymond A. Nencki	0/05/1959
John Kossow	9/30/1899	Robert Kraemer	2/7/1963
Ernest Johnson	9/15/1904	James J. Rivers	3/21/1966
Otto H. Flieth	12/17/1908	Ronald T. Hogan	5/2/1967
Peter Gauer	7/3/1909	Bryan Moschea	7/31/1967
Charles W. Gudgell	8/22/1916	George Fish	9/23/1970
Frank Caswin	11/24/1917	Alan Sroczyński	11/8/1970
Henry Deckert	11/24/1917	Paul DuPlanty	11/9/1971
Frederick Kaiser	11/24/1917	Gerald Hempe	1/31/1973
David O'Brien	11/24/1917	Charles T. Smith	1/31/1973
Charles Seehawer	11/24/1917	Ronald Reagan	12/13/1973
Edward Spindler	11/24/1917	Thomas G. Matulis	7/10/1974
Stephen Stecker	11/24/1917	Robert D. Riley	7/10/1974
Albert Templin	11/24/1917	Michael Draeger	12/28/1974
Paul Weiler	11/24/1917	Dennis Obradovich	8/17/1975
William Kaemmerling	1/26/1922	Albert Kohn	10/29/1975
Joseph Kubacki	5/24/1924	Thomas Kiefer	11/25/1977
Walter Luedtke	12/18/1924	John Machajewski	12/23/1981
Harold W. Schmidt	4/4/1925	Charles S. Mehlberg	12/23/1981
Hilbert Thurow	8/22/1930	Sydney C. Snow	1/20/1982
Robert Bahlke	2/23/1932	Rosario J. Collura	3/19/1985
Richard R. Zingler	2/8/1933	Leonard R. Lesnieski	3/19/1985
Harry Pieske	6/27/1935	Dennis J. Gorlewski	2/25/1987
Charles George	6/8/1936	Roger A. Sterling	5/11/1987
Nelson Goodman	8/10/1937	Steve J. Hasenstab	8/19/1989
George Raabe	11/2/1937	Richard E. Wagner	10/25/1990
Joseph Lecher	3/21/1943	Michael R. Tourmo	11/18/1990
Arnold Werner	7/10/1943	William A. Robertson	9/7/1994
Valentine Adam	3/6/1948	Michael A. Niehoff	12/1/1994
Elmer W. Bates	8/23/1948	Wendolyn O. Tanner	9/7/1996
Vernon White	11/10/1951		

Be sure to visit the Fallen Officers' Memorial Wall located just outside the Main Office

Core Values

Competence

We are prudent stewards of the public's grant of authority and resources. We are accountable for the quality of our performance and the standards of our conduct. We are exemplary leaders and exemplary followers.

Courage

We place the safety of others before our own and accept our moral responsibility to take action against injustice and wrongdoing. Police members are expected to take prudent risks on behalf of the public.

Integrity

We recognize the complexity of police work and exercise discretion in ways that are beyond reproach and worthy of public trust. Honesty and truthfulness are fundamental elements of integrity. It is our duty to earn public trust through consistent words and actions. We are honest in word and deed.

Leadership

We seek to influence human behavior to achieve organizational goals that serve the public while developing individuals, teams and the organization for future service. We accept our responsibility to be leaders, both within the community and among our peers, and for the actions of our colleagues and ourselves. We are all responsible for the performance, reputation and morale of the Department.

Respect

We hold life in the highest regard. We treat all citizens and colleagues with dignity and respect, and are fair and impartial as we perform our duties.

Restraint

We use the minimum force and authority necessary to accomplish a proper police purpose. We demonstrate self-discipline, even when no one is listening or watching.

*When you do nothing
you become powerless.
But when you get involved,
you feel the sense of hope
and accomplishment
that comes from knowing
you are working
to make things better for everyone.*

-Author Unknown



*Special thanks to the City of Milwaukee residents
for their continued support and cooperation
in helping to keep our city safe.*